# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SIDNEY E. SMITH III, et al., executors of the Estate of Sidney E. Smith, Jr.,	)	
Plaintiff,	) Civil Action No.	02-264 Erie
v.	) Hon. Sean J. Mcl ) Hon. Susan Para	
UNITED STATES,	)	
Defendant.	)	

# UNITED STATES' REQUEST FOR SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES TO THE JURY

Defendant, the United States of America, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 49, requests that the special interrogatories attached hereto be presented to the jury. The United States reserves the right to request additional special interrogatories and to request the withdrawal or modification of any of the following special interrogatories if the trial of this case should make such action appropriate.

Dated: September 16, 2005 Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

IT IS CERTIFIED that the UNITED STATES' REQUEST FOR SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES TO THE JURY was served upon counsel for the plaintiffs this 16th day of September, 2005, by sending a copy via ECF to counsel for plaintiffs.

\_/s/ Lindsey W. Cooper Jr.\_\_\_\_

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## SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES TO THE JURY

1	Did plaintiffs prove that Sidney Smith Jr. family limited	
partners	hip was not a device to transfer stock in Erie Navigation Company to his	
children	for less than full and adequate consideration in money or money's	
worth?		
	NO	
	YES	
2	Did plaintiffs prove that the terms of the right of first refusal	
restrictio	ons contained in the Sidney Smith Jr. family limited partnership	
agreeme	nt are comparable to similar arrangements entered into by unrelated	
persons in arms-length transactions?		
	NO	
	YES	
3	Did you answer "YES" to both questions nos. 1 & 2 above?	
	NO Please go to Jury Verdict Form No. 1.	
	YES Please go to Jury Verdict Form No. 2.	

### **JURY VERDICT FORM NO. 1**

Plaintiffs have failed to satisfy section 2703(b)'s safe harbor requirements, and you must value the partnership interests in the Smith FLP that Mr. Smith gave to his children as if restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal were <u>not contained</u> within the partnership agreement.

- 1. Net asset value of Smith FLP.
- What was the net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998, when Mr. Smith gave his children partnership interests in Smith FLP?

Net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998 = . .

b. What was the net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998, when Mr. Smith gave his children partnership interests in Smith FLP?

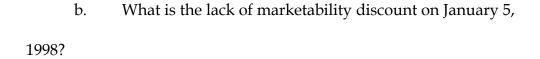
Net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998 = \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Calculation of fair market value of gifts in the Smith FLP interests transferred on January 5, 1998.

You must determine the appropriate discount to be applied to the net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998 without taking into account the restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal contained within the partnership agreement.

a.	What is the lack of control discount on January 5, 1998?
	Lack of Control Discount =



Add the lack of control and marketability discounts in c. sections 2.a. & 2.b., above, to arrive at a total discount on January 5, 1998.

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Total Discount =
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d. Multiply the net asset value of Smith FLP as indicated in response to question no. 1.a. by the total discount value above to give you the fair market value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998.

Multiply the fair market value of Smith FLP, calculated e. above, by 13.37% to determine the value of the gifts made by Mr. Smith to his children on January 5, 1998.

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3. Calculation of fair market value of gifts in the Smith FLP interests transferred on December 31, 1998.

You must determine the appropriate discount to be applied to the net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998 without taking into account the restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal contained within the partnership agreement.

a.	What is the lack of control discount on December 31, 1998
	Lack of Control Discount =

b. What is the lack of marketability discount on December 31, 1998?

**Lack of Marketability Discount =** 

Add the lack of control and marketability discounts in c. sections 3.a. & 3.b., above, to arrive at a total discount on December 31, 1998.

Total Discount =

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d.	Multiply the net asset value of Smith FLP as indicated in
response to c	question no. 1.b. by the total discount value above to give you
the fair mark	et value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998.

e. Multiply the fair market value of Smith FLP, calculated above, by 26.74% to determine the value of the gifts made by Mr. Smith to his children on December 31, 1998.

4. Total Fair Market Value of gifts made by Mr. Smith in 1998.

Add together the fair market value of the gifts made on January 5, 1998 and December 31, 1998 as calculated in Sections 2.e. and 3.e. above.

**Total Fair Market of Gifts in 1998 = \_\_\_\_\_.** 

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### **JURY VERDICT FORM NO. 2**

Plaintiffs satisfied Section 2703(b)'s safe harbor requirements, and you must value the partnership interests in the Smith FLP that Mr. Smith gave to his children taking into account the restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal contained within the partnership agreement.

- 1. Net asset value of Smith FLP.
- What was the net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998, when Mr. Smith gave his children partnership interests in Smith FLP?

Net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998 = . .

b. What was the net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998, when Mr. Smith gave his children partnership interests in Smith FLP?

Net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998 = \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Calculation of fair market value of gifts in the Smith FLP interests gifted on January 5, 1998.

You must determine the appropriate discount to be applied to the net asset value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998 taking into account the restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal contained within the partnership agreement.

What is the lack of control discount on January 5, a. 1998?

**Lack of Control Discount =** 

What is the lack of marketability discount on January 5, b. 1998?

**Lack of Marketability Discount =** 

Add the lack of control and marketability discounts in c. sections 2.a. & 2.b., above, to arrive at a total discount on January 5, 1998.

Total Discount =

d. Multiply the net asset value of Smith FLP as indicated in response to question no. 1.a. by the total discount value above to give you the fair market value of Smith FLP on January 5, 1998.

Multiply the fair market value of Smith FLP, calculated e. above, by 13.37% to determine the value of the gifts made by Mr. Smith to his children on January 5, 1998.

3. Calculation of fair market value of gifts in the Smith FLP interests transferred on December 31, 1998.

You must determine the appropriate discount to be applied to the net asset value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998 taking into account the restrictive provisions of the right of first refusal contained within the partnership agreement.

- What is the lack of control discount on December 31, 1998? **Lack of Control Discount =**
- b. What is the lack of marketability discount on December 31, 1998?

**Lack of Marketability Discount =** 

Add the lack of control and marketability discounts in c. sections 3.a. & 3.b., above, to arrive at a total discount on December 31, 1998.

Total Discount =

the fair market value of Smith FLP on December 31, 1998.

e. Multiply the fair market value of Smith FLP, calculated above, by 26.74% to determine the value of the gifts made by Mr. Smith to his children on December 31, 1998.

Total Fair Market Value of gifts made by Mr. Smith in 1998. 4.

Add together the fair market value of the gifts made on January 5, 1998 and December 31, 1998 as calculated in Sections 2.e. and 3.e. above.

**Total Fair Market of Gifts in 1998 = \_\_\_\_\_.** 

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